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4-KF

From: tkfuj@comcast.net
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2006 7:57 PM
To: sdip_comments
Subject: Web Comment

I am writing to advise you of my serious concern for the welfare of the San Francisco Bay-Delta estuary and the fisheries that depend upon it for survival. As you may know, the productivity of a significant part of the foodweb in the Delta has collapsed according to agency scientists with the Interagency Ecological Program (IEP). Delta populations of important plankton and shrimp that help fuel the foodweb and drive the system's ecology have disappeared, as have many other important species including Delta smelt, longfin smelt, threadfin shad and young-of-the-year striped bass. Recently the Dept of Fish and Game has sounded the alarm over a dramatic drop in the sturgeon population.

The estuary that once sustained multiple runs of salmon and abundant runs striped bass, American shad, sturgeon, steelhead and a diverse food web is experiencing such low levels of productivity that an ecosystem crash may be imminent. Should this happen, many fisheries will not find the food necessary to sustain their survival. The prolonged decline of our fisheries now averaging between 80 and 95 percent would continue to the point of suffering what may be irreversible damage.

The estuary may be on the verge of an ecological disaster! The collapse of these natural resources would be tragic as hundreds of millions of dollars of public funding has been spent trying to restore the estuary and its fisheries. The economic consequences to the state's sport and commercial fishing industries and the state's tax base could run into many millions of dollars annually. These are industries that have already suffered dramatic losses due to prolonged declines of the Central Valley's once world class fisheries.

Scientists have long maintained that water export is one of the major impacts to the productivity of the of the Bay-Delta estuary. It has changed the natural flow regime and significantly decreased the amount of water that historically flowed through it into the ocean. Instead of the high spring runoff that flowed through the entire estuary, the water projects have reduced Delta outflow by at least 50%, on average, and dramatically changed the timing and the amount of water available to the estuary. These and other changes in the natural flow regime are currently under study by the IEP scientists. I believe they are at the very heart of the problem. While agencies have reacted with an increased effort to further study the declining productivity, the Department of Water Resources continues to move forward with their "South Delta Improvement Project" (SDIP) that could increase water exports out of the Delta by up to 25%! A decision to move forward with the SDIP in the face of a collapsing ecosystem will further compound the estuary's problems and it could do irreparable harm to the estuary and its fisheries.

While I agree with agency scientists that there are other potential sources of impact, including toxic pesticides and herbicides from agricultural runoff and impacts from exotic species introduced from ballast water discharged by ships, I am strongly opposed to moving forward with the SDIP planning process or discussions on increasing flow rates. Many fishing groups support a moratorium on any additional export of Delta water until the problem with the Delta's food web is fixed and our anadromous fishery resources are maintained at sustainable population levels. These groups take this position after more than twenty years of governmental promises that our Central Valley fisheries and the estuary they depend on would be restored.

Given the obvious concern for our state's natural resources, I am hopeful that you will support the position of stopping the SDIP from moving forward, especially since there is not an immediate need for the State Water Project to build additional export capability at this time.

One of the greatest estuaries in the world is in real danger. I urge you to help save it!

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Eighty-five percent of the water pumped from the Delta goes to farming. The Delta ecosystems are crashing and fish are disappearing yet the farmers continue to get water at insanely cheap prices. It's time the farmers start using water saving irrigation methods, pay the going rate or switch to crops that need less water. Something has to give before the Delta ecosystem is destroyed beyond repair. A billion dollar Northern California sportfishing industry is threatened and the local economies are at stake. Kill the fish and we won't need boats, gas, mechanics, marinas, sandwiches, sodas, ice, fishing tackle etc. Pumping the water is not only killing the Delta but hurting small businesses.

KF-1

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Responses to Comments

4-KF-1

Please see Master Response D, *Developing and Screening Alternatives Considered in the Draft EIS/EIR*.

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5-AA

From: wanderbug@sbcglobal.net
Sent: Tuesday, January 31, 2006 10:22 PM
To: sdip_comments
Subject: Web Comment

Please stop the plans of the Dept of Water Resources to implement the South Delta Improvement Project and the export of any additional water out of the Delta until our estuary and our fisheries are restored. Too much water is diverted from the Delta now! The Delta is dying and allowing more fresh water to flow through to the sea will very likely stem the crashing ecosystem. It's time to make the politically powerful agricultural industry step up. Farmers use most of the water flowing south. They need to start using irrigation methods that conserve water or pay the going rate for water. If major changes aren't in place soon, the Delta and local sports fishing economies will be irreparably damaged

AA-1

AA-2

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My host address: 69.225.34.5

Responses to Comments

5-AA-1

Please see Master Response B, *Relationship between the South Delta Improvements Program and the Pelagic Organism Decline*.

5-AA-2

Please see Master Response D, *Developing and Screening Alternatives Considered in the Draft EIS/EIR*.

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7-KLA

From: kanderson@muhsd.k12.ca.us
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2006 3:51 PM
To: sdip_comments
Subject: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street ? 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Study for the South Delta Improvement Program (SDIP).

I am concerned that at a time when the San Francisco Bay-Delta ecosystem is collapsing and some fish populations are in danger of extinction, a plan is being considered that would significantly increase the amount of fresh water diverted out of the San Francisco Bay-Delta. The exact causes for the fish declines are still being investigated, but Delta pumping is one of the primary culprits. I urge you to withdraw the draft until the causes of the decline are identified and resolved.

In addition, a revised Environmental Impact Report/Study should be drafted that includes all reasonable alternatives, such as a significant reduction in Delta pumping from current levels. A reduction would allow the Bay-Delta ecosystem to be restored.

The California State Water Plan has clearly shown that the state can meet current and future water demand without increasing pumping if investments are made in urban and agricultural water conservation and reclamation.

We need to start taking care of Earth instead of misusing it.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

K.L. Andersonnoecker
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Merced, California 95348

KLA-1

7-BB

From: Roy_Busch@hotmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, February 08, 2006 7:49 PM
To: sdip_comments
Subject: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

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Sacramento, CA 95814

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In addition, a revised Environmental Impact Report/Study should be drafted that includes all reasonable alternatives, such as a significant reduction in Delta pumping from current levels. A reduction would allow the Bay-Delta ecosystem to be restored.

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We must do all we can to preserve our environment! Please do not underestimate the significance of the web of life.

BB-1

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Bob Busch
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Arcata, California 95521

7-AC

From: positivelyann@sbcglobal.net
Sent: Saturday, February 04, 2006 1:04 AM
To: sdip_comments
Subject: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street ? 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources,

As a resident of the greater Bay Area, I am very concerned about our environment and the damages we inflict upon the very resources we depend upon to live. Water is a most precious resource and we are pumping far too much of it without considering the environmental impacts. I am strongly against increased pumping.

AC-1

I urge you to withdraw the draft until the causes of the decline are identified and resolved.

AC-2

In addition, I believe a revised Environmental Impact Report/Study should be drafted that includes ALL reasonable alternatives, such as a significant reduction in Delta pumping from current levels. A reduction would allow the Bay-Delta ecosystem to be restored

The California State Water Plan has clearly shown that the state can meet current and future water demand without increasing pumping if investments are made in urban and agricultural water conservation and reclamation.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Study for the South Delta Improvement Program (SDIP).

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ann Carranza
1330 Tulip Court
Healdsburg, California 95448

7-SD

From: shannondillon@hotmail.com
Sent: Monday, February 06, 2006 8:20 AM
To: sdip_comments
Subject: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

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1416 9th Street ? 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources,

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In addition, a revised Environmental Impact Report/Study should be drafted that includes all reasonable alternatives, such as a significant reduction in Delta pumping from current levels. A reduction would allow the Bay-Delta ecosystem to be restored.

The California State Water Plan has clearly shown that the state can meet current and future water demand without increasing pumping if investments are made in urban and agricultural water conservation and reclamation.

Please do not continue with your plan to pump fresh water from the San Francisco Bay Delta. Please reconsider the environmental impact of this plan and protect the Bay Delta Estuary.

SD-1

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Shannon L. Dillon
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Albany, California 94706-1248

7-WD

From: wdrake@cyberlynk.com
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2006 2:31 PM
To: sdip_comments
Subject: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

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Sacramento, CA 95814

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In addition, a revised Environmental Impact Report/Study should be drafted that includes all reasonable alternatives, such as a significant reduction in Delta pumping from current levels. A reduction would allow the Bay-Delta ecosystem to be restored.

The California State Water Plan has clearly shown that the state can meet current and future water demand without increasing pumping if investments are made in urban and agricultural water conservation and reclamation.

Have we learned nothing from the Katrina situation, where the destruction of an ecosystem contributed to the devastation of the New Orleans and Mississippi River delta area.

WD-1

Thank you.

Sincerely,

William Drake
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Vacaville, California 95687

7-PE

From: pegentz@inreach.com
Sent: Saturday, February 04, 2006 12:16 PM
To: sdip_comments
Subject: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street ? 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Study for the South Delta Improvement Program (SDIP).

I am concerned that a plan is being considered to pump more water out of the San Francisco Bay at a time when fish populations are plummeting and there are other methods available to get the water California needs. The exact causes for the fish declines are still being investigated, but Delta pumping is one of the primary culprits. I urge you to withdraw the draft until the causes of the decline are identified and resolved. PE-1

In addition, a revised Environmental Impact Report/Study should be drafted that includes all reasonable alternatives, such as a significant reduction in Delta pumping from current levels. A reduction would allow the Bay-Delta ecosystem to be restored

The California State Water Plan has clearly shown that the state can meet current and future water demand without increasing pumping if investments are made in urban and agricultural water conservation and reclamation. I live in the San Joaquin Valley foothills and know that farmers can be encouraged use more careful irrigation and farming practices to conserve water and to make reclamation of water less costly. Let's not add to California's ecological problems.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Peggy Entz
40974 Cherokee Oaks Dr.
Three Rivers, California 93271

7-LF

From: lfleming@cal.net
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2006 5:31 PM
To: sdip_comments
Subject: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

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1416 9th Street ? 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources,

This is to comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Study for the South Delta Improvement Program (SDIP).

The San Francisco Bay-Delta ecosystem is collapsing and some fish populations are in danger of extinction. I understand that a plan is being considered that would significantly increase the amount of fresh water diverted out of the San Francisco Bay-Delta. Even though the exact causes for the fish declines are still being investigated, it seems clear that Delta pumping is a major contributor to the problems. Please withdraw the draft until the causes of the decline are identified and resolved.

Also, please draft a revised Environmental Impact Report/Study that includes all reasonable alternatives, such as a significant reduction in Delta pumping from current levels. Reducing the loss of fresh water would allow the Bay-Delta ecosystem to be restored

We do not need to pump out additional water. The California State Water Plan has clearly shown that the state can meet current and future water demand without increasing pumping if investments are made in urban and agricultural water conservation and reclamation.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Lis Fleming
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Davis, California 95616

LF-1

7-CF1

From: claireflewitt@hotmail.com
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2006 7:04 PM
To: sdip_comments
Subject: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street ? 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources,

I live about 1 mile inland from the San Francisco Bay. I sail on the Bay, I birdwatch on the Bay, I walk & bike ride along the shoreline. I am concerned about the health of the Bay as I have noticed that several species of birds are feeding in areas inland where they have never been seen before. This tells me that their food sources in the Bay are in trouble.

CF1-1

At a time when the Francisco Bay-Delta ecosystem is collapsing and some fish populations are in danger of extinction, a plan is being considered that would significantly increase the amount of fresh water diverted out of the San Francisco Bay-Delta. The exact causes for the fish declines are still being investigated, but Delta pumping is one of the primary culprits. I urge you to withdraw the draft until the causes of the decline are identified and resolved.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Claire Flewitt
975 Soto Drive
San Lorenzo, California 94580

7-CF2

From: christopherflynn@earthlink.net
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2006 4:57 PM
To: sdip_comments
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Thank you.

Who gives a rat's ass about the environment? YOU SHOULD!!!!!!!!!!

CF2-1

Sincerely,

Christopher Flynn
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7-CH

From: challmark@ndnu.edu
Sent: Monday, February 06, 2006 3:28 PM
To: sdip_comments
Subject: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

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Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources,

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In addition, a revised Environmental Impact Report/Study should be drafted that includes all reasonable alternatives, such as a significant reduction in Delta pumping from current levels. A reduction would allow the Bay-Delta ecosystem to be restored.

The California State Water Plan has clearly shown that the state can meet current and future water demand without increasing pumping if investments are made in urban and agricultural water conservation and reclamation.

It's critical that we maintain a healthy Bay-Delta environment to ensure the stability of our tourism and agriculture economies. Let's explore our alternatives!

CH-1

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Belmont, California 94002

7-KW

From: kwong@calacademy.org
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2006 2:51 PM
To: sdip_comments
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Dear Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources,

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In addition, a revised Environmental Impact Report/Study should be drafted that includes all reasonable alternatives, such as a significant reduction in Delta pumping from current levels. A reduction would allow the Bay-Delta ecosystem to be restored.

Sending this water south is tantamount to destroying the Bay-Delta food web. Delta smelt populations have plummeted. Myriad other delta fish species are on the decline. To reduce available freshwater in the Delta degrades this estuarine habitat. This means that hungry migratory birds and juvenile fish will be left without food in a critical point in their life cycles.

KW-1

The California State Water Plan has clearly shown that the state can meet current and future water demand without increasing pumping if investments are made in urban and agricultural water conservation and reclamation.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Wong
875 Howard St.
San Francisco, California 94610

7-RW

From: r.wilson@intest.com
Sent: Monday, February 06, 2006 9:05 AM
To: sdip_comments
Subject: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

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Sacramento, CA 95814

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In addition, a revised Environmental Impact Report/Study should be drafted that includes all reasonable alternatives, such as a significant reduction in Delta pumping from current levels. A reduction would allow the Bay-Delta ecosystem to be restored.

The California State Water Plan has clearly shown that the state can meet current and future water demand without increasing pumping if investments are made in urban and agricultural water conservation and reclamation.

Please keep in mind that the world is already in shambles from humanity and now is the time to fix this problem not make it worse.

RW-1

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Roberta Wilson
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San Jose, California 95129

7-WT

From: riverdancefarms@fire2wire.com
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To: sdip_comments
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The California State Water Plan has clearly shown that the state can meet current and future water demand without increasing pumping if investments are made in urban and agricultural water conservation and reclamation.

As a farmer and ag. consultant in the Central Valley, I really feel that farmers can continue to make more efficient use of water on their farms, and that any new residential or commercial developments should only be allowed with strict landscaping codes for minimum water use.

WT-1

Thank you.

Sincerely,

William Thompson
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Livingston, California 95334

7-MS1

From: tomulti@mindspring.com
Sent: Tuesday, February 07, 2006 10:27 AM
To: sdip_comments
Subject: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street ? 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources,

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Study for the South Delta Improvement Program (SDIP).

My concern is that research shows the San Francisco Bay-Delta ecosystem to be collapsing. Certain fish populations are in danger of extinction. Nevertheless, a plan is under considered that would significantly increase the amount of fresh water diverted OUT of the San Francisco Bay-Delta. The exact causes for the fish declines are still being investigated, but Delta pumping is one of the primary culprits. I urge you to withdraw the draft of this potentially dangerous plan until the causes of the decline are identified and resolved.

MS1-1

A revised Environmental Impact Report/Study should be drafted that includes all reasonable alternatives, such as a significant reduction in Delta pumping from current levels. A reduction would allow the Bay-Delta ecosystem to be restored

The California State Water Plan indicates that the state can meet current and future water demand without increasing pumping if investments are made in urban and agricultural water conservation and reclamation. These investments will pay for themselves as our valuable Bay-Delta estuary is restored to full function.

MS1-2

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Martha Stookey
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San Francisco, California 94131

7-GS2

From: bwfolks@pobox.com
Sent: Sunday, February 05, 2006 11:00 PM
To: sdip_comments
Subject: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

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1416 9th Street ? 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

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The California State Water Plan has clearly shown that the state can meet current and future water demand without increasing pumping if investments are made in urban and agricultural water conservation and reclamation.

Leadership is needed to promote and implement conservation and recalculation. The sooner this is accomplished the better off we will all be.

GS2-1

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Gayle Spencer
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Menlo Park, California 94025

7-KS

From: katesibley@earthlink.net
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2006 2:26 PM
To: sdip_comments
Subject: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

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Sacramento, CA 95814

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The California State Water Plan has clearly shown that the state can meet current and future water demand without increasing pumping if investments are made in urban and agricultural water conservation and reclamation.

Please act prudently and set our residents on a rational course of conservation and reclamation, rather than further depleting our fresh water unnecessarily.

KS-1

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Sibley
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Richmond, California 9804-1932

7-BR

From: tezor@saber.net
Sent: Sunday, February 05, 2006 9:27 PM
To: sdip_comments
Subject: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street ? 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources,

For the record, I believe that it would be a mistake to draw more water from the S F Bay & Delta. I believe that water conservation should be implemented and enforced before more consumption is encouraged.

BR-1

I thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Study for the South Delta Improvement Program (SDIP).

I am concerned that at a time when the San Francisco Bay-Delta ecosystem is collapsing and some fish populations are in danger of extinction, a plan is being considered that would significantly increase the amount of fresh water diverted out of the San Francisco Bay-Delta. The exact causes for the fish declines are still being investigated, but Delta pumping is one of the primary culprits. I urge you to withdraw the draft until the causes of the decline are identified and resolved.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

B Rozett
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Graton, California 95444-0646

7-LR

From: linda.riebel@earthlink.net
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2006 2:26 PM
To: sdip_comments
Subject: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

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1416 9th Street ? 2nd Floor
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I am concerned that a plan is being considered that would significantly increase the amount of fresh water diverted out of the San Francisco Bay-Delta. The exact causes for the fish declines are still being investigated, but Delta pumping is one of the primary culprits.

SIMPLY TEACH PEOPLE TO WASTE LESS WATER!!!

LR-1

The California State Water Plan has clearly shown that the state can meet current and future water demand without increasing pumping if investments are made in urban and agricultural water conservation and reclamation.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Linda Riebel
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San Jose, California 95120

7-OH

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Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources,

This is a public comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Study for the so-called South Delta "Improvement" Program (SDIP).

At a time when the San Francisco Bay-Delta ecosystem is collapsing, and some fish populations are in danger of extinction, you are considering a plan to significantly increase the amount of fresh water that is diverted out of the San Francisco Bay-Delta. The exact causes for the fish declines are still being investigated, but Delta pumping is one of the primary culprits. Please withdraw the draft and suspend planning until the causes of the declines are identified and resolved.

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Further, a revised Environmental Impact Report/Study should be drafted that includes all reasonable alternatives, such as a significant reduction in Delta pumping from current levels. A reduction would allow the Bay-Delta ecosystem to be restored

The California State Water Plan has clearly shown that the state can meet current and future water demand without increasing pumping if investments are made in urban and agricultural water conservation and reclamation. We owe it to ourselves and to future generations, as well as to other species, to make such investments in order to maintain the habitability of our planet.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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7-AHF

From: write1right@bigvalley.net
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2006 4:03 PM
To: sdip_comments
Subject: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street ? 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Study for the South Delta Improvement Program (SDIP).

I am concerned that at a time when the San Francisco Bay-Delta ecosystem is collapsing and some fish populations are in danger of extinction, a plan is being considered that would significantly increase the amount of fresh water diverted out of the San Francisco Bay-Delta. The exact causes for the fish declines are still being investigated, but Delta pumping is one of the primary culprits. I urge you to withdraw the draft until the causes of the decline are identified and resolved.

In addition, a revised Environmental Impact Report/Study should be drafted that includes all reasonable alternatives, such as a significant reduction in Delta pumping from current levels. A reduction would allow the Bay-Delta ecosystem to be restored

We all must work to save our water supply and water quality, and thus save our environment. The California State Water Plan has clearly shown that the state can meet current and future water demand without increasing pumping if investments are made in urban and agricultural water conservation and reclamation. | AHF-1

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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7-RH

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In addition, a revised Environmental Impact Report/Study should be drafted that includes all reasonable alternatives, such as a significant reduction in Delta pumping from current levels. A reduction would allow the Bay-Delta ecosystem to be restored.

The California State Water Plan has clearly shown that the state can meet current and future water demand without increasing pumping if investments are made in urban and agricultural water conservation and reclamation.

Given the lack of leadership at the federal level, it is more important than ever that we act to protect our local resources.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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7-RDH

From: hartbeat@cruzio.com
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To: sdip_comments
Subject: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street ? 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Study for the South Delta Improvement Program (SDIP).

We are concerned that a plan is being considered that would significantly increase the amount of fresh water diverted out of the San Francisco Bay-Delta at a time when the San Francisco Bay-Delta ecosystem is collapsing and some fish populations are in danger of extinction. We urge you to withdraw the draft until the causes of the decline are identified and resolved.

A revised Environmental Impact Report that includes all reasonable alternatives should be drafted. We could reduce Delta pumping from current levels, for example, which would allow the Bay-Delta ecosystem to be restored.

We must make investments in urban & agricultural water conservation and reclamation.

RDH-1

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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7-JK

From: JAMESKOSS@aol.com
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2006 5:02 PM
To: sdip_comments
Subject: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street ? 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources,

Having had multiple opportunities to study the Mississippi Delta damage prior to the recent tragedy I notice no willingness to protect, but only to exploit such resources. **JK-1**

Like the Mississippi this California river system too is liable to salinization and a change in productivity.

I implore you to avoid such actions as will damage this fragile system.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Study for the South Delta Improvement Program (SDIP).

I am concerned that at a time when the San Francisco Bay-Delta ecosystem is collapsing and some fish populations are in danger of extinction, a plan is being considered that would significantly increase the amount of fresh water diverted out of the San Francisco Bay-Delta. The exact causes for the fish declines are still being investigated, but Delta pumping is one of the primary culprits. I urge you to withdraw the draft until the causes of the decline are identified and resolved.

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The California State Water Plan has clearly shown that the state can meet current and future water demand without increasing pumping if investments are made in urban and agricultural water conservation and reclamation.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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7-DK

From: daniel@nowwatchthis.com
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To: sdip_comments
Subject: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources
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Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Study for the South Delta Improvement Program (SDIP).

A vibrant, healthy bay and wetlands contributes greatly to our quality of life here in northern California. **DK-1**

I am concerned that at a time when the San Francisco Bay-Delta ecosystem is collapsing and some fish populations are in danger of extinction, a plan is being considered that would significantly increase the amount of fresh water diverted out of the San Francisco Bay-Delta. The exact causes for the fish declines are still being investigated, but Delta pumping is one of the primary culprits. I urge you to withdraw the draft until the causes of the decline are identified and resolved.

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The California State Water Plan has clearly shown that the state can meet current and future water demand without increasing pumping if investments are made in urban and agricultural water conservation and reclamation.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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7-PJ1

From: podaci@sasquatch.com
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It would behoove you to voluntarily explain to the public, through the press, why you are undertaking this affair. Please also voluntarily divulge who, most of all, benefits from this action? Your electorate deserves nothing less.

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Sincerely,

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7-PR3

From: skazz999W@hotmail.com
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The more fresh water that is pumped out of the Delta, the more salt water intrudes.

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In addition, a revised Environmental Impact Report/Study should be drafted that includes all reasonable alternatives, such as a significant reduction in Delta pumping from current levels. A reduction would allow the Bay-Delta ecosystem to be restored

The California State Water Plan has clearly shown that the state can meet current and future water demand without increasing pumping if investments are made in urban and agricultural water conservation and reclamation.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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